

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

All claims currently being amended are shown with deleted text struckthrough and new text underlined. Additionally, the status of each claim is indicated in parenthetical expression following the claim number.

Claims 9-10, 16-17 remain in this application.

Claim 9 is being amended.

Claims 10, 16-17 are being canceled.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for punching holes through a moving transported continuous film comprising:
a framework,
at least one roller attached to said framework;
an optical encoder attached to the at least one roller, the encoder being able to determine

the amount of revolutions made by the at least one roller;

at least one punch assembly containing a steel ball to strike a circular hole in a die connected to said framework;

at least one solenoid valve connected to said at least one punch assembly including a steel ball;

at least one compressed air source connected to said at least one solenoid valve;
a computer communicably attached to said optical encoder and communicably attached to the at least one solenoid valve;

wherein the computer is programmed to actuate the at least one solenoid valve after the at least one roller has made a predetermined number of revolutions as determined by the optical encoder.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)